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**BAY de NOC TOWNSHIP TO RECEIVE \$213,000
GRANT FROM MEDC**

Sen. Prusi applauds Administration for assisting efforts to strengthen U.P. economy

LANSING – State Senator Mike Prusi (D-Ishpeming) today expressed his gratitude to Governor Granholm and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for their rock-solid commitment to strengthening the Upper Peninsula’s economy. Under a \$213,421 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), through the MEDC, Bay de Noc Township will be able to provide necessary power upgrades for the expansion of Halquist Stone.

“Our local communities should be commended for their continuing efforts to promote job growth,” Sen. Prusi said. “The U.P. enjoys a longstanding regional reputation for its skilled & dedicated workforce.”

Halquist Stone is the largest producer of Lannon stone, which has become widely used in the construction of houses and churches. The power improvements will allow Halquist to expand and purchase an additional \$450,000 in machinery and equipment—creating 12 new jobs. Sen. Prusi notes that the Bay de Noc Township CDBG is the third MEDC grant approved for a U.P. community within a month.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation works to promote smart economic growth by developing strategies and providing services to create and retain good jobs and a high quality of life in local communities. For more information on MEDC initiatives and programs, visit their website at www.michigan.org.

“The Community Development Block Grant is an important tool for strengthening our local economies,” Sen. Prusi said. “I am pleased that Governor Granholm and the MEDC continue to support economic growth in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.”

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Mike Prusi serves as Democratic Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He represents the 38th Senate District, which includes all Upper Peninsula counties west of Luce County.